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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1436

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF CONSULATES IN ASMARA

REF: STATE 92355

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING REFTEL WHICH DUE UNAVAILABILITY KEY FONMIN OFFICIALS. DCM WAS ABLE DISCUSS MATTER APRIL 28 WITH AHMAD DIAB, DG/POL AFFS WHO SAID SUDAN GOV WEIGHING IMPLICATIONS CLOSURE ITS CONSULATE IN ASMARA. TO DATE, HOWEVER, NO PROTEST HAD BEEN MADE AND NONE PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED.

2. DIAB EXPLAINED SUDAN ALSO HAS CONSULATE IN GAMBELLA AND ETHIOPIANS HAVE ONE IN KASSALA. THEREFORE, SUDAN GOV HAD TO WEIGH RISK THAT GAMBELLA CONSULATE WOULD BE CLOSED AS WELL IF IT PROTESTED TOO VIGOROUSLY. IT CONSIDERS THIS POST IMPORTANT--IT IS IN SENSITIVE AREA EAST OF SOUTHERN SUDAN --AND REALIZES KASSALA IMPORTANT TO ETHIOPIANS, PARTICULARLY CONSIDERING LARGE NUMBER ETHIOPIANS IN CONSULAR DISTRICT- TO DATE ETHIOPIAN GOVT HAS NOT RPT NOT ASKED SUDAN GOV TO CLOSE GAMBELLA CONSULATE NOR HAS IT ASKED THAT SUDANESE
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EMBASSY BE REDUCED IN SIZE. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, IN CONTEXT PRESENT STRAINED RELATIONS, PROTEST OVER ASMARA WOULD BE MEANINGLESS GESTURE. DIAB ALSO NOTED THAT SUDAN WAS NOT RPT NOT SINGLED OUT BUT WAS TREATED AS ALL OTHERS WHO HAD HAD CONSULATES IN ASMARA. FOR THESE REASONS, THEREFORE, DIAB THINKS IT LIKELY NO PROTEST WILL BE MADE OVER CLOSURE OF ASMARA CONSULATE.

3. RE PERSONNEL, PROPERTY AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS,
DIAB NOTED THAT SUDAN ASMARA CONSULATE WAS SMALL. TO
EXTENT POSSIBLE, STAFF AND PROPERTY WILL BE SHIFTED TO
EMBASSY IN ADDIS.
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